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North Beach, Maryland

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Minutes from the December 9, 2021
Town Council Meeting
7:00 pm

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| X _____ Mayor Benton | X _____ Joanne Hunt | _____ Rick Crump |
| X _____ Mr. Dotson | X _____ Stacy Milor | X _____ Donnie Bowen |
| _____ Vacant | X _____ Dawn Richardson | X _____ Lt. Hollinger |
| X _____ Mr. Hummel | X _____ Ms. Lawton | _____ Lisa Garrett |
| X _____ Ms. Kabler | X _____ Elissa Levan | |
| X _____ Mr. Troncone | | |

This meeting of the Town Council will proceed virtually, as permitted under the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Benton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Minutes from the November 11, 2021, Town Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Paul Troncone to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mickey Hummel. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Minutes from the December 2, 2021, Work Session. **MOTION** was made by Mickey Hummel to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Elizabeth Lawton. Abstain – Troncone Aye – Dotson, Hummel, Kabler, Lawton. **Motion carries.**

REPORTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS

Departments which were in attendance gave a summary for the month. All department reports are located under Board Docs. If anyone has a question from any report, please contact the Department directly.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A) Update regarding Town's Ongoing Nor'easter Flood Recovery Efforts (i.e., repairs, completed/planned; continued closures; communications with County, State, FEMA, LGIT and contactors/engineers, etc.)



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From Donnie Bowen, Director of Public Works

The following is an update on actions and expenses taken so far related to the storm damage which occurred 10-27-21 through 10-29-21.

1. Clean up was completed in the affected areas the following days after area was flooded from tidal surge and heavy wave action for a 24-hour period. Three contractors were brought in to help with clean up to restore affected area as soon as possible. Honey cove Landscaping was on site for two days and invoiced the town for \$4895.00 McKenzie contracting was on site for one day and invoiced the town for \$3190 (tree removal and cleanup) Stillwater septic was on site one day and invoiced the town \$2200. Town staff and equipment was on site for two days during clean up phase. LGIT's third party claim adjustor has suggested an allowance of 18,500 to cover these costs. Final approve is pending.
2. Seven sections of sea wall along Atlantic Ave were moved from wave action during the storm. Sea wall had to be reset in place by a crane do to weight and placement. DPW hired a contractor to complete this task. Invoice amount for this work was \$1200.00 Contractor has been paid. Claims adjustors suggest this is not covered but is part of report to LGIT and final decision has not been made.
3. Piers suffer damage to decking on lower level on north and south side including boat slips. Town staff has closed this area for now. DPW has removed all loose and damaged decking from this area. Approximately 30 to 40 planks are missing from lower level. To be able to open this area back up to public use in a timely manner material has been order and DPW will install when received. Lead time is one to two weeks and cost are \$990.00 for material. This area is on claim adjusters report for approval. Final approval is requested from LGIT.
4. The boardwalk railing from 7th street south for 275' was severely damaged and most is missing (including post). Estimate have been received to replace the railing and post in this area for a cost of \$27,000. (Budget estimate). This area is in claim adjusters report. Final approval is requested from LGIT.
5. The flower beds in the same area as item 4 were also severely damaged and suffered heavy erosion on the west side of the boardwalk. A plan has been developed after engineers' inspection of removing existing material, replace wood framing and residential entrances, add surge stone where erosion occurred to prevent future erosion, and cap with river rock. Budget estimate for this project is \$38,000. Would recommend survey of this area to establish town right of way. Budget for survey \$2850.00 This area is in claim adjusters report.
6. Walkway lighting and conduit that supplies power to this area was damaged during storm and currently is not working. Met with contractor on site on 12-6-21 to get an estimate to replace conduit and light fixtures in this area. Waiting on cost proposal. Hopefully will receive estimate by close of business 12-9-21. This area is on claim adjusters report.



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7. Existing rock areas at 7th and Atlantic and at the north end of Atlantic Ave were damage or missing material. DPW will replace with river rock estimated cost \$500.00 LGITS adjuster didn't feel this would be cover under policy.
8. Some erosion occurred at the north end of the existing berm would recommend using unit price contract to replace material that was lost. Estimate repair cost \$5000.00 This area was noted by claims adjuster
9. Quick recap of timeline. Storm occurred on 10-27-21 and continued into 10-29-21. Reported to LGIT 11-1-21 Met on site with LGIT third party inspector on 11-3-21. Met with engineer on site 11-8-21 to inspect damages and develop repair options. Have been meeting with contractor for estimates on repairs since 11-12-21 until currently. Ordered material for lower pier repairs week of 15th. Received email response from LGIT on 12-6-21, had questions on coverage area and emailed questions back to LGIT 12-7-21. Waiting for response on areas that are covered.

B). Council Chambers AV Equipment Upgrade Proposal – MOTION made by Mickey Hummel to approve the expenditure in the amount of \$12,514.28 to AVI/SPL from the reserve fund for the upgrade to the AV equipment in the Council Chambers. Seconded by Paul Troncone. All in favor. Motion carries.

C) Chapter 3 – North Beach Zoning Ordinance. The North Beach Zoning Ordinance – Chapter 3 is scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday, January 13, 2021, at 7 pm prior to the Town Council Meeting. The "draft" Ordinance is uploaded to the Town website.

Meeting closed at 7:44 p.m. with a motion made by Mickey Hummel to enter into Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Action Section 3-305(b)(1). The Closed Session will be conducted to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. Seconded by Paul Troncone.
All in favor.

Submitted:

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 Mike Benton, Mayor

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 Stacy W. Milor, Town Clerk